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PROPERTY INVENTORY: HOVEFIELDS AVENUE

Dear Mr Mahendran,

I write to inform you that an Inventory of property is being undertaken with the assistance of Essex University Law Clinic at Hovefields Avenue and Hovefields Drive, Wickford, where notices of imminent eviction have been served by your council.

This has been prompted by the failure of your agents, Constant & Co. bailiffs, to fulfil the undertaking given in writing by Basildon District Council to preserve and place in storage all moveable items where clearance is taking place. On the morning of 29 June 2010 Constant employees and subcontractors from H.E.Services broken up the utility unit belonging to Ms Ann Coyle, despite her pleas to bailiffs not to do so as she was in residence and needed this facility for sanitary and washing purposes.

This matter has already been raised with the BDC in letters dated 23 July and 10 August. So far no reply has been received regarding Ms Coyle's request for £650 compensation to cover the cost of a replacement, leaving her and her relatives without basic amenities.

With this letter I am sending you a set of photographs taken by a professional photographer which illustrate and itemize the property at Five Acres Farm belonging to Ms Kathleen Rooney. Please take special note of the Portakabin building illustrated by 1215, 1216, 1217 and 1218 in the set of photographs now provided. In addition, there are the wooden play-house and two touring caravans. A set of stables, you may note, has been dismantled.

Ms Rooney has asked me as her volunteer advocate to request that you inform her in advance of the commencement of any further clearance operation by Constant & Co:

- a) The name of representative of the BDC who will be present and overseeing the bailiffs so that she can advise him;
- b) The full location address of the facility where her property, the Portakabin and play-house, will be stored during and following such an operation.

An informative reply by the end of this week would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Grattan Puxon
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cc Keith Lomax